

## PERSONAL AND SOCIETY

## MOVEMENTS OF PEOPLE DURING THE WEEK BEFORE LAST.

## Experience of an Indianapolis Woman Who Saw a Rich Gown at the Chicago Opera.

A number of Indianapolis ladies have been to Chicago to hear the opera. One of them tells the story of a little experience there in this week before last for the opening night. The opera, of course, was great, the finest thing we ever saw, but I was so interested in the audience. We were fortunate in having an escort who knew everybody was, and he pointed out Mrs. Potter Palmer, the McCormicks and all the rest. I had no time to look at the society women in their beautiful gowns and their flashing jewels. We were very busy looking, but not too busy to overhear what our neighbors were saying. A man just in front of me said: "If I don't see that \$50,000 dress I know I shall catch cold." This awakened us to the fact that there was something in the house we had not seen and we immediately began to look everywhere for a dress that had the appearance of costing so much money. Finally we saw in one of the boxes a lady with a dress spread over two chairs and we decided it must be the one. For any one who could afford three seats in a box the first night of the opera must be the one with the money. After the opera we stood in the lobby watching the great ones file out. I saw the dress coming, and said so to my friend, and just as I did a man at my other side, whom I had never seen before, nudged me with his elbow and said, "Sh, that's the dress." He had evidently overheard me. I looked at that dress with both my eyes. It was a turquoise blue velvet and was trimmed with broad, beautiful lace that came down the front and was draped over the front of the skirt, and swept to the bottom of the skirt. She had on diamonds by the bushel, in a tiara, a necklace, in pins and bracelets, but the money in the jewels was not included in the inventory of the gown, I was told.

A young lady suddenly seized with a desire to give a tea hurriedly wrote and issued her invitations. There was so little time between the time she wanted to have the tea and the date at hand that she took her calling list, which she had had for some time, and wrote her addresses from that. She invited only unmarried friends. In her haste she sent a card to a friend who had been married nearly three years, and addressed it to her maiden name and to her parents' home. What her surprise to have the mother of the married daughter met her on the street and asked if there was another young lady on the same street who had the same name that her daughter had before she was married. The question was the first intimation she had of her mistake.

"If I were a lady who tried to put on style and lived in a pretty house and had fine furniture I would be ashamed to have as soiled servants answer the bell to my callers as answer the door when I call on them," said a pretty young housewife. "I went to Mrs. V's to call a few days ago and everyone knows that she puts on more style and talks about when she was in Europe and speaks about 'my maid' as if she had a personal attendant. The 'maid' who opened the door was the dirtiest being I ever saw in a clean woman's house. She was unkempt from top to toe, not a respectable article of dress on her, and as for her hair and hands and neck, the less said the better. And it was not only at Mrs. V's, but at several places, the maid who came to the door was not neat."

A lady who gave a reception recently complained that her candlesticks, which had been loaned to a friend for a similar occasion, had not been returned. "I have candlesticks," she remarked, "but no one will ever know they are mine, for now that I want them, they are not mine. All my friends get the credit of owning my pretty candlesticks."

There is a great craze here for the Boston bags. Few women have a dress pocket and as they are sure to have something to carry, fashion has revived the old bag. These and the satin ribbon pockets are in style to stay. A young lady who went to market with a Boston bag on her arm tied with ribbons, found that some one had slipped up to her and cut the ribbons and stolen her pocketbook. The next bag she made she had a chain put on instead of the ribbons.

The following definition has been given of a popular girl: "The really popular girl of today knows a lot; particularly not to gossip about friends who have favored her, and those who are able to show her favors. She knows enough to dress appropriately at all times, and never to be overdressed. She knows enough not to wear diamonds, discuss religion or politics, or boast her ancient lineage. She knows enough to keep silence, and she knows how to talk well. She knows how to dance, swim, row, sail a boat, play the piano and harp, sing melodies and compose songs. She knows enough not to 'give away' all the funny little confidences the boys give her when in the blues or feeling particularly good, and she knows how to handle them when they are stranded on an island, becalmed and without oars or a stick with which to pole home. She knows just how to catch a fish and then to cook it, and she knows enough not to growl and whine and complain until they are safely home."

A Kansas City paper comments on the bright wit of a young hostess who was to give a ladies' luncheon and atoned for the absence of men by having her name cards decorated with drawings of men. As far as possible the designs were after the particular fancy of each guest, with some mark to signify it by his profession or some peculiarity. This scheme has been practiced in Indianapolis several times and created no end of amusement.

The Japanese tea is one of the novelties of the season. The invitations are sent out printed or written on Japanese napkins. The parlors are decorated with Japanese lanterns and umbrellas, and the hostess and her assistants wear the Japanese kimono and obi. Under a large umbrella, hung with lanterns the tea is served in Japanese china. It is possible to have something novel and quaint in this style of an entertainment.

"Why will young people be so thoughtless?" queried the hostess, wringing her smooth forehead in her perplexity. "Tomorrow is the day of my card party, and here are one, two, three—well, seven invitations, at least, to which no response has been made. It is not easy to fill the places at such short notice, and then some of these tardy ones may have a prior engagement. 'Thoughtlessness' or, more properly speaking, evidence of lack of breeding, merits sharp rebuke. The person so offending deserves to be dropped from the invitation list of the long-suffering hostess. Thoughtlessness and lack of breeding are never companions. Good breeding is but another name for kindly thought and consideration for others, and is the cardinal principle of etiquette. Common sense alone should teach that an invitation to a party entails a prompt and explicit acceptance or regret. Among such functions are dinners, luncheons, wedding breakfasts, dancing parties and card parties."

**Personal and Society.**  
Mrs. Katharine will leave this week for New York.  
Mrs. Addison Bybee entertained about twenty-five ladies Thursday afternoon with

a coffee for her guest, Mrs. James H. Smart, of Lafayette.

Mrs. M. De Souchet will not observe her day at home Tuesday.

Mrs. W. W. Herod has gone to Winchester, Ky., to visit relatives.

Mrs. Geo. H. Talbot will entertain sixteen ladies Friday afternoon.

Mr. Geo. H. Hughes, who has been out of the city a year, returned this week.

Miss Minnie Akass and sister Grace have gone to Chicago to attend the opera.

Miss Emma Lemmen will leave to-morrow for New York to be absent a fortnight.

Mrs. James H. Smart, of Lafayette, is visiting Mrs. Addison Bybee, at the Blackberry.

Miss Henrietta Darby, of Chicago, is visiting Miss Lucy Hamilton, No. 125 Park avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin H. Prather gave a dinner Thursday evening for fifteen gentlemen.

Miss Marie Oglesby, of Cincinnati, is visiting Mrs. W. E. Stevenson, on North Alabama street.

Mrs. Robert W. Long will receive friends at her home Thursday afternoon, March 4.

Miss Winifred Stiles will entertain the friends at her home on Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Martindale and Mrs. Foster have invited sixteen friends for cards Tuesday evening.

At the meeting of the Local Council Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Martha Smith read a paper on "Terrorism."

Miss Mary Baird, of Chicago, will be Mrs. Sewall's guest of honor at her usual house Wednesday afternoon.

The Friday Afternoon Reading Club will meet with Mrs. Welches Rice, No. 541 North Alabama street, March 5.

Miss Jeanette Jackson will return to-morrow from a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Ellis Prouditt, at Madison, Wis.

Mrs. M. Moore entertained a number of friends Friday evening at her home on Pennsylvania street at progressive euchre.

Mrs. F. W. Hamilton, of 125 Park avenue, is visiting E. E. McCormick, of Cincinnati, and her niece at New Orleans, La.

Miss Florence Marjole, of Louisville, who has been visiting Mrs. O. L. Crockett, on Walnut street, will return home Tuesday.

Mrs. Carolyn Winter Goez will go to Chicago to-morrow to spend the month of March with her parents and attend the opera.

The Washington Club met at the home of Mrs. Sanger Sunday.

The club will meet with Mrs. Jones March 5.

Naomi Auxiliary, O. E. S., will meet at the rooms of Mrs. Martin H. Rice, No. 2 Windsor block, Thursday afternoon, March 4.

The auxiliary of Naomi Chapter, 121, O. E. S., will meet at residence of Mrs. William E. Joffrey, on Virginia avenue, Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Agnes K. Bixby, who has been spending a month with Mrs. John C. Dean, will return to her home in New Albany to-morrow.

A card party of four hundred guests will be given to-morrow evening, at St. Joseph's Hall, on East North street, by the ladies of St. Joseph's Church.

Mrs. and Mrs. Bosworth, of Crawfordville, are spending Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Serff, on College avenue.

Mrs. Bosworth will remain two weeks.

Miss Alexander, of Charleston, Ill., who is visiting Mrs. G. N. Catterson, will leave to-morrow for St. Louis, where she will attend the college residence.

Miss Lulu Brown entertained at cards Friday evening in honor of Mrs. Frank Schwarzkopf, of Columbus, who is visiting Mrs. J. H. Talbot.

Miss Weller, of Louisville, who has been visiting Mrs. C. L. Holmes for several weeks, returned home yesterday.

Mrs. Meyer Cohn gave a large bowling party yesterday afternoon, at the Germania House, in honor of Mrs. M. P. Fisher. Handsome prizes were given to the winners.

At the fortnightly Tuesday afternoon Miss Eliza G. Browning will read a paper on "Some Legends of the Sea," and the conversation will be led by Mrs. Ernest Robert Keith.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart will leave to-morrow morning for Asheville, N. C., to remain several weeks at the residence of Mrs. Agnes Taylor Basley, on French Broad avenue.

Mrs. William Fortune entertained a party of twelve at a doleful luncheon yesterday afternoon at 230 N. Third street.

Mr. H. H. Holden came last evening to join his wife here.

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Mrs. William Scott gave a beautiful luncheon at her home for the Misses McKnight, of Minneapolis. The guests were seated at a round table, on which were rare embroideries of Turkish work.

colored hyacinths formed the floral embellishment and a tall lamp of rare Bohemian glass lighted the table. The guests included Mrs. P. L. Mayer, Mrs. Theodore Arney, Mrs. Henry C. Atkins, Mrs. Henry L. Wagon, Mrs. William H. Colburn, Miss Lyon, the Misses Atkins and Miss Katharine Wallick. The name cards were dolls in party gowns brought from Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ensworth pleasantly entertained a number of their friends at cards Wednesday evening at their home, No. 533 North Illinois street, the guests of honor being Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Monahan, of Orleans, Ind. The parlors were decorated with tulips and daffodils, while from the reception hall, which was adorned with palms, sweet strains could be heard from a music box. In the library punch was served from square polished tables decorated with carnations and ferns. Red carnations were given for favors. At the close of the game handsome prizes were given the winners. Those from out of town were Mrs. Vols of New Albany, Miss Dorothy Schmadel of Olney, Ill., and Mrs. Tinley of Orleans, Ind.

The Misses Stewart gave an old-fashioned Maryland supper Wednesday evening to celebrate the birthday of their mother. The guests were invited to a 7 o'clock supper by quaint invitations, those for the ladies asking their views on "The Revival of Provincial Poetry," by Miss Evalene Stein, of Lafayette, and those for the men were "toasts." The table was set with a tablecloth of white damask and decorated with old-fashioned flowers. Mr. John H. Holliday was toastmaster.

Mrs. Zevilda Wallace, an old friend of the family, gave a delightful talk, Rev. G. L. Mackintosh gave a toast, Mrs. A. A. Bingham read a perceptive article and Mr. William N. Jackson and Rev. J. Cunningham Smith were others who responded. The guests, however, were Mr. G. Stewart, Miss Mary Stewart, Mrs. Maxwell and Dr. and Mrs. J. E. Cravens. Mrs. Anna E. Hendricks wrote a letter and Mr. James Whitcomb Riley a characteristic letter with his regrets.

Yesterday was visitors' day at the Katherine Merrill Club and there was a large assemblage of members and guests. The paper of the afternoon was "The Revival of Provincial Poetry," by Miss Evalene Stein, of Lafayette, which was a polished and finished tongue at that time. The language was afterward excommunicated by the Pope and was not allowed to be used by scholars. The revival has been to restore the language to its pristine glory, and the one man who has been largely instrumental in the revival is Frederick Mistral. Miss Stein recited a few of his verses from "Mirapo," to illustrate the style of Provincial poetry. Thomas A. Janvier has written much about it in the Century and his series of articles have been in the book form. The Provincial is a literary language. Daudet has been one of the earliest followers. The talk was very interesting and was followed by an informal conversation.

Mrs. Henry Coe gave a handsome reception yesterday afternoon at her home on North Delaware street in honor of Mrs. Justus C. Adams, Mrs. Bixby of New Albany, visiting Mrs. John C. Dean, and Mrs. Lewis, of St. Louis, who Mrs. Coe, Alexander's guest, the four ladies received in the parlor, which was made beautiful with floral decorations. The table was covered with the mantel shelf and vases of roses occupied the tables and tables.

In the second parlor Mrs. W. W. Woodlen, Mrs. Flora C. Jones, Mrs. John W. Jones, Mrs. Herbert Foster, Mrs. Adeline W. Coe, Mrs. W. L. Faust, Mrs. L. F. Elmendorf, Mrs. Mary A. Thompson, Mrs. J. K. Alexander, of Louisville, and Mrs. Jones entertained a number of guests. Daffodils, which adorned mantels and tables. An orchestra of music and flute furnished music in the hall. The dining room was in pink with a tall vase of roses for the center of the table and the daintiness of embroideries and appointments all of the same color. The young ladies present were Miss Tina Crotcher, Miss Woodlen, Miss Coe, Miss Cleland, Miss Somerville, the Misses Wiles and the Misses Catmire.

**Irvington.**  
Miss Lida B. Gilbert is spending a few days at her home in Rushville, Ind.

Miss Grace Carver left yesterday to spend several days with friends in Thornton, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. De Motte, of Franklin, Ind., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. Marshall Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Julian are visiting friends and relatives in Irvington for a few weeks.

Miss Maxine Williams, of Morristown, Ind., is a guest of Mrs. J. V. Shipp, on Lake avenue.

Miss Josephine Smith left last week to join a house party of young people in Danville, Ky.

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Dainty Nainsook Edges and Flouncings, beautiful designs, and styles all new; also, Flouncings like new, some wide, you will quickly recognize them as the 25c and 30c sort; sale price 12 1/2c

Swiss Jaconet and Cambrie Skirt Flouncings, in almost endless variety, five to eight inches wide, a beautiful assortment of new designs, actually worth 25c, 30c and 35c; choice of the lot for 15c

Twelve-inch Jaconet Skirt Flouncings, Point d'Alene, compass and heavy work, choicest patterns, cheap at 35c; sale price 19c

Flouncings, 12 to 14 inches wide, beautiful new designs, a usual 6c quality; to-morrow for 25c

Open work all-over, yoke embroidery, regular 50c styles, for 25c

27-inch Children's Flouncings, scalloped edge, embroidered and hemstitched with bands of embroidery, new patterns, some worth as high as 6c, mostly worth 45c to 50c, for 25c

45-inch Skirt Flouncings, big line to select from, quality and styles that usually sell at 75c; sale price 39c

Special lot of fancy colored Embroideries, entirely new, white margin with embroidered band of pink, blue, red or yellow, with Valenciennes lace edge; always worth 25c to 35c; choice of the lot at 10c

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To make room for our new goods which are arriving every day, we will close out the following lots of Muslin, Nottingham and Scottish Crown Lace Curtains:

84 pairs Dotted and Figured Muslin Curtains, 34 yards long, 42 inches wide; regular \$2.25 Curtains for \$1.19

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90 pairs Nottingham Curtains, extra width and length, splendid value at \$2, for \$1.00

55 pairs Scottish Crown Lace Curtains, splendid value at \$4.75, will go, choice for \$2.97

150 pairs odd Curtains, worth from \$1 to \$50, will go at just half price.

## Linen

We find a good many short pieces among our fine Table Damask. Napkins are all sold. For Monday and Tuesday, if they last that long: Damask, worth \$2.75, will go for \$2.19 per yard. Damask, worth \$2.25, will go for \$1.69 per yard. Damask, worth \$1.75, will go for \$1.19 per yard.

We have picked up three good things in Napkins. Lot 1—50 dozen Bleached Napkins, 75c quality, for 41c Lot 2—87 dozen Silver Bleached Napkins, 85c quality, for 59c Lot 3—60 dozen three-quarter size Satin Damask Napkins, well worth \$2.25. Our price, \$1.73

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Rob Roy Checks and Plaids, special to-morrow 85c

Big lot of Fancy Printed India Silks, the newest colors and best designs, all standard makes, worth \$1; to-morrow 75c

Ombre Striped Waist Silks, in a choice assortment of colors, worth \$1; to-morrow 75c

Big line of China Silks, the 50c kind, for 29c

Black Satin Duchess, worth \$1.25, 78c

Moire Velour, kind sold everywhere at \$1.50, an extra good quality; to-morrow 98c

## Great Notion Sale

20 yards soft-finish Sewing Machine Thread, white or black; three for 5c Large spools Basting, 1c each, per doz. 10c 100 yards Spool Silk, all colors, 25c 30 yards Spool Twist, all colors, 1c 10 yards